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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
TREATING SURFACES WITH A PLASMA  
GENERATED BY ELECTRON CYCLOTRON  
RESONANCE

Examiner: M. L. Padgett

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.